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1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS PASSED US COPY OF TALKING POINTS USED BY UK AMBASSADOR IN DELIVERING MESSAGE TO FONMIN REGARDING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA. MESSAGE ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, WITH ADDITIONAL POINT THAT BRITISH SAID THEIR DISPOSITION TO AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT NORTH KOREAN TRADE ORGANIZATION IN THE UK IS "FOR PURELY COMMERCIAL REASONS" AND CITED FACT THAT A COMPARABLE EAST GERMAN BODY EXISTED IN THE UK FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY.

2. ACCORDING TO BRITISH EMBASSY, AMBASSADOR PETERSEN WAS CALLED IN LATER BY VICE FONMIN, WHO DELIVERED ROKG REPLY. ROKG EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF GENERAL BRITISH RECOGNITION POLICY AND GRATITUDE THAT BRITISH HAD
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DECIDED NOT TO APPLY THIS POLICY TO NORTH KOREA.

HOWEVER, ROKG REPLY WENT ON TO SAY, IN TEMPERATE BUT FIRM LANGUAGE, THAT SINCE UK IS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND ONE OF THE MAJOR POWERS AMONG ROK'S ALLIES EVEN A TRADE MISSION WOULD CREATE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR ROK, AS BRITISH ACTION WOULD INFLUENCE OTHER COUNTRIES TO MAKE DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES TO NORTH KOREA. UK WAS THEREFORE ASKED TO DELAY AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT UNGA.

3. WHEN QUERIED BY AMBASSADOR, BRITISH AMBASSADOR CONFESSED HE UNSURE WHETHER ROKG REQUEST WAS TO DELAY ACTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION UNTIL AFTER UNGA OR TO DELAY EVEN RAISING THE MATTER WITH NORTH KOREA BEFORE THAT TIME (WE BELIEVE LATTER IS MOST LIKELY).

4. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS OFFERED TO KEEP US INFORMED ANY UK FOLLOW-UP TO ROKG REPLY.
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